IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (original) Electroluminescent composition comprising an electroluminescent material containing an aryl vinylene and an additive for suppressing a drop in initial light emission efficiency observed when an electroluminescent device comprising the electroluminescent material as such is driven to emit light.

2. (original) Electroluminescent composition according to claim 1, wherein the additive comprises an oligo ring structure with at least four carbonyl groups.

3. (original) Electroluminescent composition comprising an electroluminescent material containing an aryl vinylene and an additive, wherein the additive comprises an oligo ring structure with at least four carbonyl groups.

4. (currently amended) Electroluminescent material according to claim 2~~ or claim 3~~, wherein the additive comprises at least three fused rings.

5. (original) Electroluminescent composition according to claim 4, wherein the additive is selected from one of the following compounds:

4a,4b-Diphenyl-4a,4b,8a,8b-tetrahydro-biphenylene-1,4,5,8-tetraone (DTBT)

2,7,8a,8b,-Tetraphenyl-4a,4b,8a,8b-tetrahydro-biphenylene-1,4,5,8-tetraone (TTBT)

6. (currently amended) Electroluminescent composition according to ~~any of claims 1-5~~claim 1, wherein the additive is present in a concentration of between 0.1 and 3 % by weight with respect to the electroluminescent material.

7. (currently amended) Electroluminescent composition according to ~~any of claims 1-6~~claim 1, wherein the aryl vinylene containing material comprises a substituted poly(p-phenylene vinylene) or a substituted mono, or oligo phenyl vinylene.

8. (currently amended) Electroluminescent device comprising an electroluminescent composition according to ~~any of claims 1-7~~claim 1.